

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	CASTRO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1775
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Serial No.:	10/034,642)	Examiner: G.A. Blackwell-Rudasil
Confirmation No.:	9543)	
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Filed:	December 28, 2001)	
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For:	POLYCRYSTALLINE TRANSLUCENT ALUMINA-BASED CERAMIC MATERIAL, USES, AND METHODS		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."